

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Dr. Knable and Mr. Applegate, President. Mrs. McLaughlin was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mr. Wood, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall, Fire Chief Juliot, Deputy Fire Chief Baylor, Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Glotzbach.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Applegate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Steve Burks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mrs. Collier moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2022, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Dickey who abstained and Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mrs. Collier stated that she wanted to welcome Mr. Dickey to the council.

Mr. Dickey stated that he wanted to thank his fellow council members as well as all of the city officials and staff who have so graciously welcomed him to the council. He said that he appreciates the collegial hospitality, particularly as he works to address issues and occasionally benefit from the council's experience. He stated that he also wanted to reflect on Councilman Caesar for a second. He said that Bob was a good friend and loved this community and his legacy was one of service. He also said that as he endeavors to fill his seat, he will remain conscious of meeting the high standard that he set and that the public expects. He then stated that he received his first grass complaint today and he can report, that with the city's code enforcement staff, they were able to affect a swift resolution and got the grass at that location cut very quickly. He said that he looks forward to the business of the council and appreciates all of the support.

Mr. Phipps stated that he wanted to welcome Councilman Dickey to the council. He said that he was a student of his many years ago and he is very proud that his student has accomplished this and hopefully the course that Mr. Dickey took from him will help in some way. He then stated that he would like to condemn the horrible act of violence that took place in Buffalo over the weekend that was just senseless killing. He said that there is a disease that is running rampant in our community that is far more deadly than Covid and it is racism. He stated that these things are going to likely continue until we confront the problem of racism that so permeates every aspect of our society. He said that in connection to that, he offers his condolences to the families of the victims and the repose of the soul to those that lost their lives.

Mr. Turner welcomed Mr. Dickey and congratulated Dr. Knable on his recent primary election victory and stated that he has a lot of potential to be a high-quality commissioner and he thinks with his experience in the city, he will be able to partner with us where he can and he is looking forward that. He then stated that he had dinner with Dr. Snyder

from NAFC Schools to see if there were ways that we could partner as a city with the schools. He said that one thing that he would like to do is come before the council and just give a one-way update on all things going on within the school system. He also said that he went to a school board meeting and Dr. Snyder did a very good job on outlining what his short-term and long-term objectives are for the upcoming school year. He stated that he attended a board of works meeting this week and Mr. Summers and Clark Dietz discussed the paving list for this year. He said that he asked if the council could have access to the paving list this year and Mr. Summers could not give him a date, but Clark Dietz was there and they said that it would take a few weeks for a paving list to be good on their end. He stated that he said in the meeting he would like the list by July 1 to give them a little wiggle room. He then stated that there is a training coming up for elected officials and we do have money in our budget for training so he would like to attend that. He said that it is on August 1 and is a pretty good course which will basically set you up to understand what goes on with zoning and planning and really just become very educated in how that process works. He stated that he doesn't know what the process is on getting training funds but it is \$200.00 for the class and he feels that it would make him a better council member and would be a great use of training funds.

Mr. Applegate stated that is something the they can just approve.

Dr. Knable stated that previously that had just been very informal and we usually budgeted around \$4,000.00 for training.

Mr. Applegate stated that they don't have to do an appropriation or anything for it.

Mr. Blair stated that is correct and they can just do a vote by show of hands.

Mr. Turner stated that he could send everyone information on the training so they can see what it is because he thinks it would be great for everyone. He added that he will just pay for it and ask for a reimbursement.

Mr. Applegate asked for a show of hands of everyone that is in favor of everyone potentially taking the August 1st course, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mr. Turner stated that during this last storm there was a lot of flooding in the Morton Avenue area which is part of his district and part of Mrs. McLaughlin's district. He said that he just wanted to make sure that is on the record and that he did send an email to Mr. Gibson as well as the storm water folks. He stated that he is sure that area will be added to the list of priorities for the storm water master plan.

Mr. Blair welcomed Mr. Dickey to the council and said that he looks forward to working with him. He then stated that the intersection at Green Valley Road and Mt. Tabor Road has been a continuous problem because semitrucks going to the industrial park will work their way back there by mistake. He said that the intersection is so small that they can't turn so they get stuck there and block traffic so it bottlenecks there and has become a real issue. He stated that he has already asked our economic development director to look into it, but he wanted to get it on record because we need to do something. He said that probably the most appropriate thing to do is get some signage up and encourage truck drivers to turn on Progress Way before they get all the way to the end of Mt. Tabor. He also said that maybe they could get in touch with some of the businesses back there that could advise their truck drivers to use Progress Way and stay away from the Green Valley Road and Mt. Tabor Road intersection.

Mr. Aebersold welcomed Mr. Dickey to the council and stated that he looks forward to working with him for the next year and a half. He then congratulated Dr. Knable for another round and said that he hopes it goes well for him.

Dr. Knable stated that he had a couple of things from the second district that they were going to enumerate but he would like to publicly thank Mr. Gibson for helping him address those today. He said that he wanted to echo everyone's sentiments in welcoming Mr. Dickey and thanked the council for their kind words.

Mr. Applegate welcomed Mr. Dickey to the council and congratulated Dr. Knable on his primary victory. He then stated that he was happily surprised because he got a bridge comment that for the most part, it has actually gone pretty smoothly. He said that he knows there will be some hiccups but he thinks everyone's actions and hard work will pay off. He stated that he knows Mr. Aebersold put a lot into making sure that the bridge wasn't shut down all of the time and making sure that we had traffic taken care of and he feels that has shown, and hopes it continues because he appreciates that for the citizens of New Albany.

Greg Phipps – Council Attorney Contract Renewal

Mr. Phipps stated that it is time to renew the council attorney's contract and that he has been happy with her service and would like to see her continue another year.

Ms. Stein stated that she certainly enjoys working with all of the members of the council in different capacities. She said that if they have any questions to just let her know.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve Mrs. Stein's contract for another year, Dr. Knable second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

Mr. Hall stated that Beautification Day is coming up this Saturday. He said that it is a ton of fun every year and they have a great group of volunteers that come down and it will start right here at city hall at 8:00 a.m. He stated that they will disperse throughout the city doing cleanup, beautification, plantings, etc. He said that if any of the council members have time, feel free to come on out and join them for that. He stated that the Bicentennial Park Summer Concert Series begins on Friday, May 27th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. He said that they have a great lineup this year and they have released the first five. He stated that they will release the last five midway through the season. He said that it is a lot of fun and a lot of people come downtown and visit the shops and restaurants while that is going on. He stated that they really appreciate support at those events.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

READING

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-22-01 APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DEPT.

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-22-01 APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DEPT.

A-22-01	Ordinance for Appropriation of EDIT Money for Fire Department Equipment	Collier 1&2
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Mrs. Collier introduced Bill A-22-01 and moved to approve the first and second readings, Mr. Phipps second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present.

Mrs. Collier stated that the fire department is in need of some new equipment because its old equipment is about to meet its expiration according to OSHA regulations. She said that Fire Chief Juliot is present to give us more detail on that.

Fire Chief Juliot stated that this is the gear that they replace every five years and under OSHA law, the employer has to purchase any kind of safety equipment. He said that they tested several sets of gear for over a year and the gear that he presented to the council held up the best. He stated that it is a flex fit which is more comfortable for them while bending and crawling, etc. He asked Deputy Chief Baylor to pass it around to the members so that they could see exactly what they are purchasing. He said that this will be their primary set for the next five years and they will continue to wear the old set for an additional five years, but under law, after 10 years they can't wear them in a structure fire. He stated that they can use them for training as long as it is not in deplorable conditions but they basically buy them every five years so they have a primary set as well as a clean, dry set to put on after a fire.

Mr. Turner asked how many they purchased?

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they purchased 85 sets and they recently hired five firefighters which makes the total 90 so they will need five additional sets.

Mr. Turner asked if they already have the new equipment?

Fire Chief Juliot replied that they have received most of them but not all yet.

Mr. Blair asked if they are already paid for?

Fire Chief Juliot replied no and stated that there is such a delay in manufacturing right now so they ordered these in September of last year and that is how far out it takes to receive them. He said that they are getting sets in and issuing them out but it will probably be a month or two before they receive all of the sets.

Mr. Aebersold asked if they ordered all sets at one time or different quantities at a time?

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they ordered all of them at one time because they have to be replaced every five years so they have to stay on that cycle.

Mr. Turner stated that they have had several retirements and asked if that offsets any of these costs at all? He also asked how many retired last year?

Fire Chief Juliot stated that they have about seven or maybe eight. He said that there are a couple that are still on the books that will be going off here shortly.

Mr. Turner asked if this is in their regular budget or does it have to be paid by EDIT funds?

Mrs. Moeller stated that is why they are asking for the additional appropriation. She said that what he has in his clothing allowance is not nearly enough to cover this plus whatever else he will need for the rest of the year.

Mr. Blair asked if they couldn't be budgeted in the future to make it easier for them to purchase them?

Mrs. Moeller replied yes.

Mr. Turner stated that is not a bad idea because then they wouldn't have to come before the council for this stuff. He then asked Fire Chief Juliot if they use SAFER Grants for those new firefighters?

Fire Chief Juliot replied yes.

Mr. Aebersold stated that if they are purchased every five years, they would need to know when that is coming up for budget purposes.

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: G-22-01 OPIOID ACTION COMMISSION

Reverend Suzanna Jacobson stated that she is the Executive Director of Christian Formation Ministries which has been serving the New Albany area for 17 years. She said that she is also the Director of My Camp of Southern Indiana, the lead mentor of My Club, a Fred Rogers Educator and Child Advocate, the Treasurer of ATOD of Floyd County, a board member of the New Albany Rotary Club and the incoming Vice President. She stated that she is a recent member of Leadership of Indiana Discover Class of 2022 and is here representing the forgotten victims of the opioid epidemic which are children, their families and their caregivers. She said that Prison Fellowship states that for every one person who is fighting addiction, there are at least eight people directly involved. She stated that taking for example the known opioid deaths in our city in 2018, we can say there are 330 individuals in our city impacted. She said that they are estimating in their school systems in New Albany as many as 3,000 children that have been affected by substance addiction. She stated that it may be easier to reduce this issue to numbers and leave it there, but this is just the tip of the iceberg. She said that these numbers just indicate the known cases in our city. She explained that their organization began supporting children who have experienced the effects of addiction and incarceration back in 2015 with a weekly meeting, and My Club has served 75 children in the past seven years. She stated that in 2018, they expanded their program to My Camp of Southern Indiana which offers camp to local children of prisoners and children who have experienced substance addiction in the home. She said that this is a free offer that we give to the city because we know the cost of addiction and they have already paid it. She stated that in 2018, they hosted 32 campers and this year they are anticipating 128 and they know there will be a waiting list as they cannot yet safely accommodate all of the applicants. She added that 83% of their campers are from the City of New Albany. She stated that reduced to numbers, it is easy to see the growth of the program but behind every number is a face and a story. She said that these stories play out in every corner of the city and no district is exempt. She added that this is not a poverty issue, it is an us issue. She stated that she took some time to actually look at some of the addresses and she came across distinct instances in every district. She told Mr. Applegate that in his district she witnessed three children experience a night in a drug house. She stated that their father in an opioid affected rage ran upstairs and said "Say goodbye to your mother because I am about to kill her". She said that they spent the rest of the night being beaten by this man and witnesses their siblings and mother beaten by turns. She told Mr. Applegate that he is welcome to actually meet them at camp. She then told Mrs. Collier that a little girl that she knows that was 10 at the time that was living in her district came to her and told her that she hates God and he doesn't exist. She stated that she couldn't see how that he would allow her mother to sell her for substances if he did care as was there. She told Mrs. Collier that she is welcome also to come visit her at camp and said that she is a very charming young lady. She said that in Dr. Knable's district, a four-year-old was playing an imagination game with a mentor and made up a story about robbing a store because they were hungry and wanted to shoot at the police to get away. She stated that child received a My Club shirt for Christmas not too long ago and ran up and down the hallway with delight because he finally belongs somewhere. She said that in 2019, a group of campers shared a mutual experience. She stated that in a New Albany drug house a group of parents decided to start poking their children with their used needles as a form of punishment. She said that one child showed her the scars from the infection from the jabs on his arms and chest and he will wear the scars of substance addiction and opioid addiction for the rest of his life. She added that this was actually a

direct affect of the infamous drug raid of 2014. She stated that if the council members want to visit their programs, they can hear firsthand how opioids have twisted the lives of our youth. She said that they will meet kids who eat their breakfast cereal with water instead of milk because milk is not available. She stated that they will meet kids who have never experienced a safe Christmas or Birthday because the generous gifts from our community are often taken away by their parents to be resold for drugs or drug money. She said that they may, as she has, sit with a 15-year-old crying over their first birthday cake which is a scene witnessed over 42 times since 2018. She stated that she is prepared to hear more stories and witness more tears in their upcoming camp season and listen to the truths that are told in their application processes. She said that she is aware of at least 10 children who have experienced the death of a parent due to an overdose. She stated that last year a grandmother called her and told her that her son just OD'd and his funeral is tomorrow and asked if that would affect her grandson's time at camp. She said that she let her know that is why they are there. She stated that supporting their grief is a large part of what they do. She said that she knows that at least 18 of these children know how to cleanup their parents after a fix and she is aware of at least 10 children who were sold by their parents to get money for drugs or for the drugs themselves. She stated that she is also aware that 22 or her 32 girl campers have been sexually assaulted by a family member and even by their own parents. She said this is more than a problem that one good substance program can solve. She stated that in order to truly change the course of this crisis, our community needs a holistic system of care and we need to listen to the many voices of experience and empower more organizations providing resources. She said that cross nature of the program requires addressing the opioid issue from multiple vantage points. She stated that if this council moves forth with self-governing the funds from the settlement, they have, of course, the right to do so. She said after all there are several well-known institutions that have always been known for their care in the community. She stated that she would like to ask the council to think upon these proceedings and ask this question, "How many resources have you been introduced to in which you have no prior knowledge other than from this hearing?". She asked if they are certain that with their knowledge of the issue and their knowledge of all of the resources available to the community that they have the ability to consider all possibilities? She stated that it is her understanding that there are members who may also believe that it is necessary for the leaders of the recovery community to come forward and share their needs. She asked them to consider that the leaders of the recovery community are asking and pleading for a special commission to be formed to serve at the mayor's pleasure. She said that the best care may be provided by those who are doing active work and those who know what it is to sit with a child after their world has fallen apart because of their parent's addiction or those who have held the hand of a mother while she decides to remove her adult child from life support after an overdose or those who sat in horror as they watched their parent choke to death on their own bile. She stated that a grant to My Camp of Southern Indiana of \$50,000.00 would ensure 120 families in New Albany could be impacted, not only during the summer months, but all year long. She said that a \$5,000.00 grant could ensure that Narcan boxes are made available to every business owner in New Albany who wishes to support the cause. She stated that this is not a time for political lines to be drawn, nor for egos, nor for any person to get the glory because there is too much at stake. She said that our community will feel the effects of this decision for better or for worse, but if you allow it, the members of the New Albany large network of recovery resources are ready. She then invited every council member to come to camp which is the best place on earth she can honestly say. She said that if they are ready, they can come and celebrate with the kids on Wednesday because it is their birthday party. She stated that if they are brave enough, come Thursday night for the memorial wall where the kids get to share their grief and mourn their losses. She said that she is inviting them in hopes of moving forward in relationship, empathy and understanding. She stated that she wanted to close with a quote from her hero and mentor Fred Rogers. "When I was a boy and would see very scary things in the news, his mother would say to him, look for the helpers because you will always find people who are helping". She said that the leaders of the recovery community are here offering their support to help lift this heavy burden.

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: G-22-01 OPIOID ACTION COMMISSION

G-22-01 Ordinance Creating Opioid Abuse, Awareness and Action Commission Turner/ 3 Knable

Mr. Turner introduced Bill G-22-01 and moved to approve the third reading, Dr. Knable second, Mrs. Collier, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Applegate voted no, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold and Dr. Knable voted yes, Mrs. McLaughlin was not present.

Mr. Turner stated that he visited My Camp last year for the first time and it was “Game of Thrones” day and all of the kids were running around like knights and such and that will always stick with him. He said that he spent a lot of time writing this ordinance because it just seemed appropriate since the settlement is coming. He also said that he wrote it because he has sat down and had coffee with family members who have lost loved ones and he has spoken at recovery events. He stated that he wanted Dr. Knable’s support because it legitimized the actual health need of it with having a doctor on board with it. He added that you heard the stories from the last meeting and today and you see the data and there is a need for this. He said that he thinks it is something that is very important to our community.

Mr. Applegate stated that the public health and welfare committee met and Dr. Knable and Mr. Gibson were in that meeting as well and they went over the amount of money that we will approximately be receiving which is \$233,055.96 over an 18-year period. He said that they discussed other things in the meeting and the committee came out with an unfavorable vote 2-1 with Mrs. Collier and himself being the two no votes and Mr. Turner being the one yes vote. He said that the committee, in his eyes, was actually formed to do what this commission would do. He stated that he has looked at activating the council committees because he did see them as being a waste just sitting there. He said that they can have leaders in recovery and anyone that they want to ask to talk about these issues to see what the needs of the community are. He stated that basically sums up why Mrs. Collier and he voted the way they did.

Dr. Knable pointed out that he did not vote because by rule he was not allowed to.

Mr. Applegate stated that he was included in the meeting because he is a co-sponsor on the bill.

Mr. Blair stated that he doesn’t have any experience and fortunately, he can’t really relate to the drug problem. He said that he knows some people who have had tragedies but he has not experienced that firsthand. He stated that he does have a constituent that had a daughter that passed away from an overdose but she unfortunately couldn’t make it tonight. He said that her daughter was actually a nurse and got addicted to pain killers and went to rehab, but believe it or not, you have as much access to drugs in rehab as you do on the street almost. He stated that his constituent said that it was just a cycle and her daughter would explain to her that the devil has her and finally the devil got her. He said that it was just heart wrenching and he asked her how the council should approach this and she said that they need a committee of people who have experienced this, have lived through it and understand the issues and what needs to be done. He stated that it is not just about the money. He said that if you have a commission there are a lot of things that can be done. He stated that they could be dedicated to just focus their passion and energy on the issue and he feels that they will come up with a much better outcome and more effective way to fight what is going on with the trend in drug abuse. He said that it could be everything from education to law enforcement to rehabilitation to prosecution, etc. He stated that there are a lot of different avenues but he thinks if they hand it to a group that has the motivation, the incentive, energy and they want to help other people, they are going to have a much better outcome for attacking this problem that we have in New Albany because it has gotten worse. He thinks that can be reversed by having a commission of citizens that have the expertise in it. He said that would be much better

than a group of three council people that may not have any experience with it and can't relate and have other things in their lives that they are doing because as council people, they are responsible for a lot of different things.

Mr. Applegate stated that the three committee members are not pretending to be the experts on this issue. He said that they can have the experts meet with them to discuss different things. He stated that the ordinance came to the council and is kind of contradictory because we're saying that we are not the experts, so we don't know what the community needs, but we are deciding that a commission is what the community needs without ever talking to them through our own committee that is already set up. He said that we are saying that this commission is what we need and we haven't even vetted it. He stated that we would be adding a whole layer of government to do these items when we already have a committee set up to do them. He added that they may not have used their committees correctly, but he has tried to get these committees involved and out there.

Mr. Turner stated that in his time in the military he went through leadership school and leadership is delegation. He said that it is okay to understand that they don't know anything and then get the people in place that know how to do it. He stated that he did think about the red tape and almost decided to table this tonight but he then created a flow chart. He explained that if the committee holds a public meeting they are going to have to advertise, have someone keep their minutes and they will control the agenda so they are going to ask the public what to say to them. He said that they are going to take that information and have another meeting and talk about what was important. He stated that they will have another meeting and will need to advertise, have minutes taken and ask about more input. He said they would prioritize what they heard and then come back and have another meeting to discuss how they would implement what they heard. He then stated that if they have a commission, which is less red tape created by the government, they manage their minutes, they manage their meetings and they discuss things with people. He said that in one meeting, they can talk with people who know the problem because they see it every day, they can talk about what the problem is, they can prioritize and talk about implementation and where they have seen it fail. He stated that time is of the essence, 28 people died last year in the City of New Albany and hospitalizations are up 26.9%. He said that this is a citizen lead volunteer commission that is completely low cost. He then quoted Marcus Aurelius and stated "The opinion of ten thousand men is no value if none of them know anything about the subject". He said that he is one of those ten thousand men because he is on this committee and he can say right now comfortably that he is not equipped to deal with three thousand children potentially affected by opioids. He stated that he needs the public and he needs the experts. He said with this being low cost or no cost essentially and they fail or don't meet the council's expectations, there would be nothing lost. He added that the support was there at the last meeting and the support is here tonight. He also added that he had three other people in support of this that couldn't make it tonight due to an illness, surgery, etc. and they can get this commission going and manage their own minutes. He stated that if the commission succeeds though, there will be lives saved and generational change for our children. He said that it is low risk with high reward. He stated that Hep C is up 128% in our community, 28 deaths last year in New Albany and we are on pace to hit that or exceed it this year, 255 ER visits and Naloxone is up in our county 50% or 1,266%. He said that there is not an exact metric on that but Floyd County is in the red. He added that more Hoosiers die each year from prescription drug overdoses than they do from vehicle accidents. He told Mr. Phipps that there is a disease and it is right here in our home. He stated that we can talk about these shootings and racism as Mr. Phipps said but this right here is a real problem in our home. He said that his 5-year-old and 7-year-old are going to face it. He stated that for a year and a half he has seen it and he knows enough to know that there are experts out there. He added that this is not another layer of government.

Mrs. Collier stated that she disagrees that it would be more time and more meetings to handle it from our public health & welfare committee. She said that she thinks if they

went about their regular meetings the way they have talked about, they would get the information from experts in the community in real time and they could take their favorable/unfavorable vote if something is proposed at those meetings by those experts. She said that they could then give that information to the entire council at the next meeting and it would make it that much more efficient. She stated that they wouldn't have to have meeting after meeting if they are getting the information in real time.

Dr. Knable thanked Reverend Jacobson for being at the meeting and sharing her testimony. He said that they were powerful words and paint a horrible picture but the council needs to hear them. He then stated that they have heard that this creates another layer of government but the committee for public health & welfare really had not met for over three years until yesterday. He said that he would argue that no such layer exists at this point so why not create this commission with more resources than what we can muster against this with regards to expertise. He said that second argument they have heard against this is that it is very little money, which is true, but this problem is not going to be beaten by money. He stated that it will be beaten by compassion, passion, commitment and education and we don't have that to throw at this. He said that it is going to take a whole community to do this. He said that he likes this for multiple reasons, but number one, it admits that there is a problem, and number two, it brings the community together to try to solve that problem. He stated that he was a strong yes for it before and is a stronger yes for it tonight.

Mr. Dickey stated that Mr. Turner indicated that he didn't think this would be a public government body and asked if he is proposing it to be like a non-profit enterprise? He said that it is being created in ordinance so he doesn't know if it is fair to say that it is not a public body. He stated that he thinks it would fall under the same rules as a redevelopment commission or any body that we created. He asked Ms. Stein if that is correct?

Ms. Stein replied yes, she thinks it would.

Mr. Dickey stated that they would have to advertise and go through the procedures just as our tree board does as well as redevelopment and all of those bodies.

Ms. Stein stated that is right.

Mr. Dickey asked Mr. Turner if that is how he intended it to be?

Mr. Turner replied absolutely.

Mr. Dickey stated that he thinks they are all in agreement and he is in Rotary with Reverend Jacobson and knows the good work that her organization does. He said that he is a friend to Dr. Will Cooke who lives here in our community and was the doctor in Austin when they had the HIV, HEP C outbreak that was largely caused by opioids. He stated that he thinks they are all in agreement that this is a problem that they are going to have to continuously address. He said that the disagreement comes in regards to which is the best path to address that. He stated that he thinks there is urgency but he hears conflicting purposes behind this body that they are being asked to create. He asked if it is a group that is meant to essentially recommend the disposition of funds to particular activities, agencies or whatever the course may be or is it something else? He stated that if they are trying to address the broader opioid problem in the community, he would suggest that what they are talking about here, at this point, still does not go far enough. He said that he thinks there are a lot more stakeholders that would have to be called to the table to help inform, address and sort through those issues than the narrow appointments that would be made by this. He stated that if they are talking about the funding, there is a part of him that thinks they would be better as a community to have a public letting here through the committee and ultimately through the council to further elevate that conversation. He said that he worries that, like a lot of these problems, it will get shifted out of mind and will not get the coverage and attention that it deserves. He stated that if

it is the latter then it does strike him as being duplicative because we do have these committees in place. He said that maybe they haven't done a good job of utilizing them so that is something that they need to work on, but in his mind, he thinks about those factors and he doesn't feel like they are entirely putting the pen to the point. He stated that he wants to personally see if they can develop a better system than what they have on paper right now. He said one that could better address what Reverend Jacobson has brought to them, what the activist community focused around this issue has brought to them and still accomplish a better goal of creating a true support system in our community. He stated that is the reason for his reservation here tonight and to hold back for a second, not because he doesn't feel the urgency, but because he wants to see something better.

Mr. Turner asked what would be better?

Mr. Dickey stated that he doesn't know if he has the answer to that yet.

Mr. Turner stated that they do.

Mr. Dickey stated that he doesn't doubt that there is good feedback from them but he feels that part of their job is to gather that.

Dr. Knable stated that this piece of legislation is open for amendments.

Mr. Aebersold stated that we all agree that we have a problem and we have to start coming up with some ideas to deal with it. He said that he doesn't know if they want to rush into it and not really go anywhere with it or put it in committee for six months or so and find out that we did something wrong. He stated that he doesn't want that to happen. He said that if they are going to do it, they need to make sure that they are going to help people with it and not just have meetings and such and nothing ever gets accomplished on it. He suggested that they may look around at other areas such as Seymour, Columbus, Indianapolis, etc. and find out if they have the same problem and what they did or are doing to solve it.

Dr. Knable stated that there was a group of elected officials a lot better than us that a few hundred years ago put together The Articles of Confederation and got them up and running. He said then they put The Constitution together and got it up and running and then they put together The Bill of Rights and got it up and running. He stated that his whole point is that you don't have to have it as a perfect set piece when you put it out there. He said that you put something together that works. You draw people to it that have the passion and energy for it to make it work and it builds, so this is not a final product. He added that most of our pieces like this are works in progress and he thinks this plants a flag on a hill and hopefully they rally support to it.

Mr. Turner stated that this commission is a low risk but there is high reward for it.

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: Z-22-02 PUD FOR ROBINSON LUMBER

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: Z-22-01 PUD FOR ROBINSON LUMBER

Z-22-02	Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of New Albany, Indiana Title XV, Chapter 156 (Docket P-01-22: Joe Buckhaults, for Robinson Lumber Company, Inc., requests a Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) to permit a lumber processing facility in the MDR, Mixed Density Residential and MC, Mixed Use Corridor Commercial district at 2571 Roanoke Avenue and 1750 Ormond Drive)	Phipps 3
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Mr. Phipps introduced Bill Z-22-02 and moved to approve the third reading, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. McLaughlin who was not present. Bill Z-22-02 becomes Ordinance Z-22-02.

Mr. Phipps stated that he thinks they discussed this pretty thoroughly at the last meeting and they had a wonderful presentation.

Mr. Blair asked if their operations are strictly daytime hours?

Mr. Jacob Vissing, Frost Brown Todd, stated that is his understanding that it is daytime hours but he would have to follow up on that.

Mr. Wood stated that he believes it is only one shift of operations.

Mr. Blair stated that he just wanted to make sure because it is a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Burks stated that it is daytime operations.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Committee, boards, and commission appointments relating to new council member

Mr. Applegate stated that he would insert Mr. Dickey into the roles the Mr. Caesar held which were the rules committee, ad hoc committee for ARP, the public utilities & transportation committee, public works committee, solid waste appointment, building commission appointment and redevelopment commission. He said that Mr. Dickey will actually be taking his position on redevelopment and he will move to the Caesars Board and take Mr. Casaer's appointment there.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jason Applegate, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk